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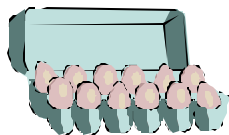
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices remained unchanged in the Midwest and California. In most other locations, prices continued higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was in a full range of light to very good. Supplies were adequate to tight, occasionally short in the West. Breaking stock supplies were mostly adequate, instances tight in the Central region. Demand for additional product was light to moderate. Light type fowl were sufficient for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher for mediums. Prices paid to producers in New England were 2 cents higher for extra large and large, 1 cent higher for mediums, and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were generally adequate for trading needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for the fair demand.

NEW YORK Prices were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and 1 cent higher for mediums. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were up 3 cents for large, 2 cents for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices in other areas were not changed. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good to very good, best interest coming from feature activity. Two features noted were one dozen large for 39 cents in Chicago for a limited time and one dozen large for 99 cents also in Chicago and it is in effect until Christmas. Food service movement was moderate to good, mostly moderate. Supplies were in close balance to tight. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available and were being held with confidence as buyers reach out for nest run product to satisfy additional cartoned egg demand. Breaker demand was mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks were mixed from in balance to ample. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large increased 3 cents, mediums advanced 2 cents. The market tone fully steady to instances firm. Retail and food service demand mixed and in a full range light to good, best where limited features are planned or in progress. Features noted on large 39 cents and 99 cents per dozen. Supplies adequate to barely adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were higher on all sizes. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were generally trending higher than current week. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good and best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate for processing schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week throughout the region 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand good. Offerings short of full needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	107-116	105-114	70-76
New York	92-94	89-92	76-79
Philadelphia	81-92	79-90	69-76
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	63-64
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	72-73
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	81-96	80-94	66-80
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	79-84	78-83	64-69
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	55-58
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	56-62
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	59-66
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	89-92	88-89	73-75
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	96-108	94-101	84-90
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	112	104	94
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand good. Offerings short. Small invoice price 74. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99, 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 99-109, large dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	94

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	111-121
EXTRA LARGE	96-108
LARGE	94-101
MEDIUM	84-90

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-189

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were adequate to instances tight and confidently held as buyers reach out for nest run product to satisfy additional cartoned egg demand. Breaker demand continued mostly light to moderate. Breaking supplies were mixed from balanced to ample of current needs. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	38-42	40-42
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	24-27	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were generally unchanged when compared to early week trading. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Offerings were generally adequate for current needs. Trading and demand was light to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 02, 2000 were 1% more than the previous week, but 14% less than last year. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	33-38	34-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-25	
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 02-Dec-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,163,273	28,238	10,435	5,566	2,570	4,212
PW	1,034,494	24,970	9,072	5,465	2,345	3,482
LY	1,256,059	27,735	12,122	7,308	2,594	4,091
% PW	12	13	15	2	10	21
% LY	-7	2	-14	-24	-1	3
2000	56,073,958	1,277,121	559,162	300,859	132,749	187,590
1999	53,902,477	1,240,042	515,433	283,321	123,434	171,476

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.65	41.56	40.81

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 59 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly barely steady for whole egg, fully steady for whites, and unsettled to mostly weak for yolk. Offerings were at least fully adequate for whole egg, very tight to adequate for whites, and adequate for yolk with some discounting noted. Demand was good to very good for whites, fairly good for yolk, and slow and disappointing for whole egg. Higher asking prices for whole egg were generally being ignored by buyers at this call. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 08 December, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	11	30-32	31.09	-.18
WHITES	10	20-23.25	21.50	.38
YOLKS	7	53.5-57	54.71	-2.62

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was active and reported as seasonally strong. Offerings were usually adequate for trade needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 02, 2000 were 3% less than last week and 14% less than a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	48-49	54-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR	67-90
WHITES	35-37	41-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-71	70-74
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-68	66-68 67-70
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.		

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN All frozen egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with mostly prices generally unchanged. Trade sentiment usually steady on all frozen products. Offerings were adequate to instances tight with a few reports of slightly increased inventories as the liquid whole egg markets show sluggish movement. Demand centered around immediate needs and was considered seasonally good. Breaking stock supplies were mixed from balanced to ample.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
WHOLE	47-49	48-49
WHITES	34-36	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-71	69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-68	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/2 was 28% more than the preceding holiday week. Breaking stock and liquid adequate. Frozen demand fairly good and freezer stocks adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	55-58
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Prices were unchanged to lower on whole and yolks, unchanged on albumen, and unchanged to higher on blends when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was steady to barely steady on all products, except blends which were mostly steady. Demand was spotty with traders cautious. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending December 02, 2000 were 10% more than last week, but 1% less than the same week last year. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

	WHOLE	YOLKS	ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)
	1.72-1.90	1.47-1.70	2.65-3.05	1.25-1.42
	MOSTLY 1.75-1.85	MOSTLY 1.55-1.60	MOSTLY 2.70-2.90	MOSTLY 1.25-1.40

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 01, 00-DEC 07,00

CURRENT LOADS 121.00								FUTURE LOADS 150.50								TOTAL LOADS 271.50							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	62.25	—	—	—	70.13	36.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GNR W 1	58.72	62.00	60.83	61.50	59.00	59.75	118.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR W 3	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GNR W 3	—	56.00	—	—	49.00	51.00	14.00	GL W J	70.25	—	—	—	74.50	78.73	3.75	GL W J	70.25	—	—	—	74.50	78.73	3.75
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	42.50	44.00	2.00	GL W XL	72.00	75.63	—	—	75.03	78.71	9.75	GL W XL	72.00	75.63	—	—	75.03	78.71	9.75
GNR BR XL	—	67.50	60.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	73.50	76.50	—	—	73.68	77.75	20.25	GL W LG	73.50	76.50	—	—	73.68	77.75	20.25
GNR BR 1	—	63.79	56.55	55.00	—	64.50	5.25	GL W MD	54.95	—	—	—	60.50	60.55	10.50	GL W MD	54.95	—	—	—	60.50	60.55	10.50
GNR BR 2	—	67.50	60.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W SM	32.00	—	—	31.00	40.00	42.00	2.25	GL W SM	32.00	—	—	31.00	40.00	42.00	2.25
GL W J	—	—	48.50	50.00	64.75	—	1.25																
GL W XL	—	—	68.25	70.25	66.93	—	13.00																
GL W LG	79.00	76.00	63.25	70.50	69.20	—	27.25																
GL W MD	—	56.50	51.47	54.53	50.22	60.20	22.75																
GL W SM	—	—	28.86	32.38	27.00	28.65	6.25																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	37.50	—	42.00	6.75																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	41.00	42.00	20.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	27.50	8.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the mostly normal processing schedules. Demand was fair at best and generally unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of leghorn hens. Schedules were at or near capacity. Finished sales were moderate to good. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Slaughter schedules continued full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules irregular with some flocks cancelled for continued egg production. Offerings ample after the first of the year.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

	LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)	
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)	
No. Central Light	0-25	(2)	
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading			
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 08-DEC-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	87.19	84.82	73.64
SOUTHERN	81.64	79.92	65.92
MIDWEST	75.17	73.93	60.50
WESTERN	104.09	98.68	87.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	90.02	86.84	75.03

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were unchanged on light canners, slightly higher on the heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good, best on heavies. Supplies were in close balance to adequate for trade needs. Undertone was steady to fully steady mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-24 MAJORITY	29-33.5 MAJORITY
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY	30-34.5 MAJORITY

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 02-DEC-00

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	1,876	1,346	3,222
LAST WEEK	1,134	944	2,078
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,090	1,439	3,529
TO-DATE/2000	90,451	69,232	159,683
TO-DATE/1999	98,719	67,746	166,465

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	376	11	387
LAST WEEK	425	0	425
SAME WEEK YR AGO	438	8	446
TO-DATE/2000	21,448	376	21,824
TO-DATE/1999	21,925	282	22,207

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	2,252	1,357	3,609
LAST WEEK	1,559	944	2,503
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,528	1,447	3,975
TO-DATE/2000	111,899	69,608	181,507
TO-DATE/1999	120,644	68,028	188,672

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Nov 25, 2000	Year-To-Date			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	142	247	6,986	12,248
Frozen	41	0	239	6
Dried	0	0	503	609
Total	183	247	7,728	12,863

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Nov 25, 2000	Year-To-Date			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	69	14	4,629	4,238
Frozen	20	0	829	575
Dried	0	0	820	210
Total	89	14	6,278	5,023

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Nov 25, 2000	Year-To-Date			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	49	2,191	1,313
Extra Large	1,050	132	47,646	40,599
Large	3,530	4,142	133,677	141,768
Medium	1,260	240	35,055	47,888
Ungraded	6,000	10,770	374,834	592,413
Misc	0	900	11,837	11,622
Total	11,840	16,233	605,240	835,603

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78-81	69-75	67-72	52-57	29-33

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	58-60	43-45	11-13

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	97-100	95-98	56-59	17-20

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 4-Dec-00	4,418	71,525	75,555
AM 1-Nov-00	5,117	128,816	72,410
CHG	-699	-57291	3145
PCT CHG	-14	-44	4

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of October 31, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on December 1, 2000 are:

FROZEN EGGS	14 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.98 PCT
TURKS	266 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.01 PCT
POP	802 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.97 PCT

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 02-Dec-00

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	24.8	27.5	-10	-9
BOSTON	4.4	4.1	7	26
CHICAGO	46.3	51.1	-9	-7
DETROIT	29.5	29.7	-1	-5
KANSAS CITY	5.7	6.9	-17	54
LOS ANGELES	137.3	143.0	-4	77
NEW ORLEANS	8.2	9.4	-13	-30
NEW YORK	27.9	34.0	-18	-32
ST. LOUIS	12.2	15.3	-20	-27
SAN FRANCISCO	20.9	25.8	-19	9
TOTAL	317.2	346.8	-9	13
4 WK MVG AVG	336.7			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

02-Dec-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.4	-5	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	559.6	10	15
W.N. CENTRAL	270.3	10	12
S. ATLANTIC	213.6	3	-4
S. CENTRAL	81.5	6	12
WEST	217.2	-4	-2
TOTAL	1560.6	4	5

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 87

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT DECEMBER 05, 2000
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	121	119	84	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	114-118	112-116	77-81	43-47
MOSTLY	116-117	114-115	79-80	45-46
RHODE ISLAND	117-121	115-119	80-84	46-50
MOSTLY	117	115	80	46
VERMONT	124-125	120-121	85-87	-
MOSTLY	124	121	87	-

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USDA BUYS: ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX; PURCHASES NEARING END

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 200,000 pounds of all purpose egg mix packaged in 10- pound bags for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. This purchase -- to be produced from about 14,000 cases of shell eggs from domestic production -- was made at an approximate cost of \$322,000. Detail of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Prices Inv. No. 017	No. of Bids Accepted
all purpose egg mix (10 -lb)	200,000	\$1.5990 - \$1.6390	1 of 3

It was also announced that the purchase program for all purpose egg mix is nearing completion.

Total purchases of all purpose egg mix since the program was announced on April 29, 1998, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
all purpose egg mix (6-oz)	4,248,000	\$7,714,000
all purpose egg mix (10-lb)	1,080,000	\$1,723,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-218, as amended, are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
018	all purpose egg mix (10-lb)	Dec. 18	Dec. 22	Feb. 1-15, 2001

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 1 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 155 million dozen during October 2000, up 1 percent from October a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 6 percent; North Central, up 4; South Atlantic, down slightly; South Central, down 31; and Western, up 1.

October 2000 contained 22 weekdays including one holiday and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays including one holiday and five Saturdays in October 1999.

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